

# Kentucky Postsecondary Education Fact Sheet

## Mercer County



### General Population Data

	County	State	US
Total population	20,817	4,041,769	281,421,906
Median household income	\$35,555	\$33,672	\$41,994
Percent living in poverty	12.9%	14.3%	11.9%
Percent eligible for Medicaid	15.0%	17.5%	N/A
Estimated percent who do not have medical insurance	12.8%	13.3%	14.2%
Percent of registered voters who voted in the November 2004 election	65.6%	64.7%	88.7%
Unemployment rate 2004	5.0%	5.3%	5.5%

### Highest Level of Education

Less than a high school diploma or GED	25.1%	25.8%	20.3%
High school diploma or equivalent	42.1%	33.4%	28.6%
Bachelor's degree or above	12.5%	15.6%	22.3%
Number of additional bachelor's degree holders needed in this county for it to be at the US average			1,539

### College Readiness

	County	State
Average ACT Score	20.4	20.9
Percent underprepared in one or more academic subjects	57.3%	48.2%
Percent underprepared in math	40.8%	34.7%
Percent underprepared in English	36.0%	24.5%

### Educational Pipeline

Public high school graduates in 2004	191
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments in fiscal 2005	321
GEDs awarded in fiscal 2005	33
Number of students from this county who entered postsecondary education in Fall 2004	113
Number of students from this county who earned a bachelor's degree in 2004-05	80

#### Notes:

Total population, median household income, percent living in poverty, and estimated percent who do not have medical insurance are all from the 2000 US Census.

Percent eligible for Medicaid is based on unpublished 2005 eligibility data from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Medicaid Services, and US census data.

Percent of registered voters who voted in the November 2004 election is from the State Board of Elections.

Unemployment rate 2004 is from the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training.

Employment by Sector information is 2004 data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The self-employed and certain other workers are not included, and some data have been withheld due to BLS confidentiality rules.

### Employment by Sector

	County	State
Agriculture, Mining & Other Nat. Resources	113	26,378
Manufacturing & Construction	2,716	346,875
Retail, Wholesale, Transportation & Utilities	1,048	368,755
Finance, Professional & Business Services	398	276,576
Education & Health Services	535	210,961
Government	1,007	289,987
Leisure, Hospitality and Other Services	772	206,240

### Undergraduate Enrollments

Institution	Alumni	Fall 2004 Enrollment
University of Kentucky	849	91
University of Louisville	57	17
Eastern Kentucky University	929	211
Kentucky State University	36	4
Morehead State University	92	11
Murray State University	26	4
Northern Kentucky University	8	5
Western Kentucky University	59	11
Kentucky Comm. & Tech. College System	283	278
Independent Colleges & Universities	716	159
Total from this county	3,055	791

### Financial Aid to Students from This County

Financial Aid Type	# Awards	Dollars
Federal Pell Awards	410	\$958,699
Federal Loans	371	\$1,900,406
Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarships	305	\$367,678
State Need Based Grants	244	\$341,916

Highest Level of Education information is from the 2000 US Census for those aged 18 and older.

College Readiness information is based on ACT or equivalent scores by 2001 and 2002 high school graduates who entered a Kentucky postsecondary institution in Fall 2002.

Public high school graduates in 2004 is from the Kentucky Department of Education.

Kentucky Adult Education enrollments in fiscal 2005 and GEDs awarded in fiscal 2005 are from Kentucky Adult Education.

Financial Aid to Students information is from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority.

All other information is from the Council on Postsecondary Education.



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